

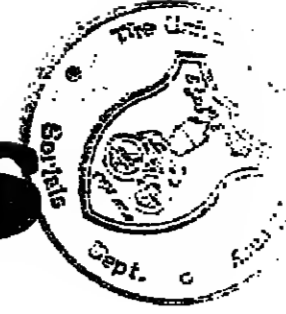
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Today's Weather

It will be hot, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Table with 3 columns: Location, Overnight, Daytime. Locations include Amman, Aqaba, Deserts, Jordan Valley.

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Aug. 17 (J.T.) — French Foreign Minister Michel Debré is expected to arrive in Amman on Aug. 28 for an official visit to Jordan. He will be accompanied by Jordanian officials and a French delegation.

wants U.S. aid

JERUSALEM, (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has urged the United States to persuade Syria to withdraw its anti-aircraft missiles from the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon. He also urged the U.S. to persuade Israel to accept a ceasefire in Lebanon.

Europe flights ed normal

ATLANTA, Aug. 17 (R) — European flights resumed today after a two-day suspension because of a Portuguese air controller's strike.

falls sharply

ATLANTA, Aug. 17 (R) — The dollar fell sharply today in response to a report that the U.S. has become overvalued.

League urges cooperation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (R) — Arab League members today called for closer cooperation between Arab League members. The request was made in a letter from the Arab League secretary-general to the U.N. Secretary-General.

At Mu'ta University's first graduation exercises

King urges 'more efforts, patience and sacrifices'



King Hussein presents a ceremonial sword to the class valedictorian of Mu'ta University's Police Sciences Faculty during the university's first graduation ceremony in Amman on Monday (Photo by Yousef Allan)

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — The Arab struggle "against the Zionist enemy continues ferociously and will not end without offering more efforts, patience and sacrifices," His Majesty King Hussein said today.

He was addressing the first batch of graduates of the police sciences faculty at Mu'ta University at a ceremony at the Royal Police Academy. "The site of Mu'ta in southern Jordan is linked historically with the spot where the first battle for the liberation of our usurped lands from foreign occupation took place," King Hussein said.

Badran stresses Jordan's commitment to Arab policy

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran today stressed that Jordan is totally committed to the Arab national policy and will continue to confront the U.S.-sponsored Camp David agreements, reached between Israel and Egypt.

Syrians move in to quell militia fighting in Beirut

BEIRUT, Aug. 17 (Agencies) — Tank-led Syrian forces moved today to disengage warring Iranian and pro-Soviet Lebanese militias in Beirut's low-income neighbourhoods where two days of street battles left 20 persons killed and 68 wounded, police said.

Majlis okays Bahonar cabinet as 23 Mujahedeens executed

ANKARA, Aug. 17 (Agencies) — The Iranian Majlis (parliament) today approved 21 ministers named in Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar's cabinet but rejected his choice for transport minister, the official Iranian Press news agency reported.

Hijacked Iranian boat extorts supplies at Casablanca

RABAT, Aug. 17 (R) — A hijacked Iranian missile patrol boat arrived at the Atlantic port of Casablanca and sailed off again after the hijackers forced harbour authorities to provide fuel, food and water, Moroccan sources said today.

Arafat welcomes Saudi plan for peace in Middle East

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (A.P.) — Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), says that the recent Saudi Arabian initiative offers "a good beginning for a lasting peace in the Middle East."

Explosion kills three at Syrian PM's office

DAMASCUS, Aug. 17 (Agencies) — Three people were killed today when an explosion rocked the Syrian prime minister's office and fire swept through the building.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

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KAS Club: a rallying point for U.K. graduates

By Dina Matar
Special to the Jordan Times
AMMAN, Aug. 18 — In little more than 10 minutes, the backbenches of the British Council filled up with animated chatter and resounding laughter last

night, as 200 assembled United Kingdom university and college graduates reminisced about a not-too-distant past.

informal gathering was the tempt by the newly established UKAS (United Kingdom at Scholars) Club to bring old friends together, and to bring back memories of a carefree life.

UKAS club — the name is derived after Okaz, the meeting place in Saudi Arabia for Arab graduates in the past — is a cultural and sports club. It serves the needs of the graduates and to help them share their experiences and information.

Over a year, the concept of the club has been fermenting in the minds of enthusiastic U.K. graduates. But the club's licence was granted until this May by the Ministry of Culture and

other applicants can be accepted as associate members, as well.

For now, the club does not have enough revenues, and there are no permanent premises. The founding committee has, however, been trying its best to attract as many eligible members as possible, and the British embassy, as well as the British Council, have offered some material assistance.

"Our club aims at encouraging social rapport among its members," Dr. Rifai told the Jordan Times, "and it also encourages all sorts of cultural, scientific and educational activities."

But the club's objectives do not stop at that. Through its many projected activities in the future, it will also offer its members extra benefits and privileges.

"We have already contacted some hotels and stores, and they were more than willing to give club members some discounts," Dr. Rifai said.

The present founding committee will leave office in November, and elections will be held to form a permanent committee to run the club.

"We are counting on the graduates to support us," Dr. Rifai said, "because in the long run they will be the sole beneficiaries."

Subscriptions are now being accepted, for a preliminary fee of JD 20 and annual dues of JD 30. "The subscription fees may be a little high; but we want all the financial help we can get, since we do not have any private donations or financial backing," Dr. Rifai commented.

The UKAS Club is open to everyone who is interested, and inquiries will be accepted by mail at P.O. Box 925900, Amman, or by telephone — at the British Council, number 36147, or at number 44594.

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Arab kids here for heritage week



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Talhouni to lead parliamentary team to Cuba

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (J.T.) — Jordan will take part in an international parliamentary conference which will begin in Cuba on Sept. 13.

Bulgarian firm to provide greenery for commercial complex in Shmeisani

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter
AMMAN, Aug. 17 — The Housing Bank's giant commercial complex, currently under construction at the Ministry of Interior Circle, will be supplied with flowers, trees and decorative interior greenery, as well as outdoor gardens, in accordance with a preliminary agreement signed here yesterday by the Housing Bank and a Bulgarian government agency, Mineral Agro.

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British scholar to lecture tonight

Early Islamic Jordan: a new look

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Until very recently, archaeological investigation into the rich and diverse Islamic heritage of Jordan was minimal. It was mostly to mere men who explored and researchers who accidentally come across finds and sites only when they were looking for evidence of earlier periods.

Dr. King, professor of Islamic archaeology at the University of Riyadh, has just completed a second season of archaeological surveys of Islamic Jordan, and has come up with some very interesting new findings which radically alter the traditional belief that when the Arabs conquered the Byzantines on the banks of the Tiber in A.D. 636, they found them a whole new



Qasr Al Mushatta of the Umayyads: isolated hunting lodge or centre of human activity?

contemporary with the rest of the structure. But Dr. King and his co-worker James Deemer, who is studying Islamic art at Harvard University, noticed that the wall of the apse in each church had been demolished in order to build the tower.

This anomaly — a Christian would hardly destroy an apse to construct a tower — supported the view that these Byzantine churches had been converted into mosques, and the towers were early minarets. If the reconstruction and adaptation were carried out by the Umayyads in the middle of the eighth century, these structures could be considered evidence of the origins of the minaret. But unfortunately there is no real way of dating the towers, which could also have been built at a much later date — by the Ayyubids, between the 13th and 15th centuries.

Pottery sherds of both periods litter the sites, but as the buildings are still standing these sherds cannot give the usual stratigraphic evidence.

But whatever the date given to the two towers, there is no denying that they are of Islamic origin, which had not been thought before. They give further evidence of the Muslims' adapting previous cultural practices, and of a cultural continuity.

ration and sophisticated architecture, had led many to suppose that they were used by the Umayyad caliphs as places of leisure — places to escape from the pressures of running their huge dynasty from the nearby capital of Damascus — places to go to hunt, sing and dance. One caliph — who reigned for just one year — with a known love of music, is quoted time and again to support this view.

But on further study, the areas surrounding these "hunting lodges" reveal sophisticated hydraulic systems, dams, cisterns and industrial remains. Around Qasr

Mushash alone, Dr. King found four cisterns, water deflectors and a furnace.

These lonely castles of today were in antiquity surrounded by agricultural land and serious economic activity, and their function can no longer be regarded as purely for leisure, Dr. King says.

This new evidence gives more weight to the idea that the Umayyads invested much money and great resources in Jordan, which flourished agriculturally — and that the arts, after laying almost dormant for more than a century, were revitalised. The

question why the Umayyads invested so much in the area may be answered by the facts that first, before their conquest they were familiar with its lands (the father of the founder of the Umayyad dynasty owned land around Amman); and second that the Arab tribes who settled in Jordan were the caliphs' vehement supporters — remaining loyal even after all the other provinces of the Hijaz and Iraq had renounced their allegiance.

It was the withdrawal of this investment — the economy seems to have been based on a constant infusion of resources — and the removal of the capital to Baghdad in A.D. 750, that caused Jordan's decline from this cultural high point.

In the late 12th century the area was revitalised again, first by the Ayyubids and then by the Mamluks. The area was strategically important to both these dynasties as it was a home of contention between them and the Crusaders, and it was the link between the Muslim's base in Syria, the holy cities of the Hijaz and the trading wealth of Egypt.

In just two surveys, Dr. King has been able to show that much that was thought to be known about the Islamic period in Jordan seems to be simply erroneous. What further, deeper work will reveal can only be guessed.

Dr. King's lecture is open to all, and begins at 6:30 p.m.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions
* An exhibition of paintings by Ghassan Al Ashie, at the Holiday Inn hotel in Amman.

Film
* "The Race", the fourth film in the Romanian film week, will be shown at 8 p.m., at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani. (Arabic sub-titles).

Lecture
* British scholar Dr. Geoffrey King, a professor at the University of Riyadh, will give a lecture on the reutilisation of some ancient sites in northern Jordan during the Islamic period, at the American Centre of Oriental Research (ACOR), at 6:30 p.m. Dr. King has been working on a survey of Islamic sites in Jordan this summer.

Arab specialised league chiefs call for further economic integration

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — A two-day seminar of chairmen and secretaries general of the councils of Arab specialised federations today stressed the role of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) in mobilizing Arab resources and potentialities and achieving Arab economic unity.

Refugee host countries call for Arab assistance to Beirut raid victims

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — Arab states hosting Palestinian refugees have called on all Arab countries to offer assistance to the victims of Israeli air raids on Beirut. Under-Secretary of Occupied Territories Affairs Abdul Rahim Jarrar said here yesterday.

Mr. Jarrar recently returned from Beirut, where he attended the meetings of these Arab states. He said the refugees' host countries reiterated their rejection of any reduction in or termination of services offered to the refugees by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), and of the termination of UNRWA local employees' services.

Furthermore, they said that UNRWA's services should not become the responsibility of host countries, other Arab states or the refugees themselves, since the international community should be held responsible for relieving the refugees — particularly those nations that helped to cause their tragedy, Mr. Jarrar said.

Industrial management seminar inaugurated

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — The government takes a special interest in developing the Jordanian industrial sector by improving the efficiency and skills of workers, sending them abroad on scholarships and providing them with training courses and seminars, Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour said today.

He was speaking at the opening of a 15-day seminar on management in food industries at the Amman Chamber of Industry. "At this stage of Jordan's development we should exert all possible efforts to catch up with modern industrial standards and

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Petra, Qatari agency to discuss cooperation

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — The director of the Qatari News Agency, Mr. Ali Al Kawari, arrives here tomorrow from Damascus for a two-day visit to Jordan. Mr. Kawari told Petra's correspondent in Damascus that his talks with Petra's director general, Mr. Yusef Abu Leil, aim at promoting cooperation between Jordan and Qatar in news-related matters and information. Qatar hopes to sign an agreement in this respect during the visit, Mr. Kawari said.

IDB 1980 loans total JD 6.5m

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra) — The Industrial Development Bank last year extended loans totalling JD 6,511,770 to finance 56 projects, according to the bank's annual report published today. It said JD 5,289,000 went to 50 industrial projects and JD 1,222,770 to six tourist projects. The total cost of these projects was estimated at JD 30.4 million and they will create nearly 1,375 new jobs, the report said.

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port officials admit that facilities at Amman are grossly inadequate for the current number of travellers.

In a bid to meet ever-increasing demands, they have spent no expense in the past five years to keep the airport up to date.

Although construction of the prestigious Queen Alia International Airport has been under way, the authorities have spent JD 10.5 million maintaining standards at Amman Airport. They have been forced to spend money, because passenger traffic has been increasing at the alarming rate of 25 per cent a year and demand doubles every four years.

Dr. Majdi Sabri, director of planning and development for the Civil Aviation Department (DCA), explained that the task made more difficult at the airport because the DCA had to be sure the new airport while making sure the old kept running as smoothly as possible.

Dr. Sabri told the Jordan Times that Amman airport had the highest traffic growth rate of any national airport. The average growth rate is five to eight per cent, compared with Amman's 25 per cent.

Amman Airport was never intended for such a heavy traffic. Originally an airstrip for the British Royal Air Force, it was handed over to the Jordanian

In the second of a series of articles on Amman Airport, Phyllis Hughes reviews efforts to keep the 30-year-old airport up to snuff

The JD 10 million headache: maintaining Amman Airport

PAF; and became a civil airport in 1954.

The location of the airport is totally unsuitable for proper expansion.

"Amman Airport doesn't come up to international standards," Dr. Sabri said. "The facilities are very basic. There are not enough toilets, not enough trolleys, no nursery or proper restaurant.

"We have done what we can to make conditions more comfortable. We installed air conditioning, for instance."

The bulk of the JD 10.5 million was spent on extending and widening the runway, to take bigger planes wanting to use the airport.

The aprons were also extended by 49,000 square metres, and a new arrivals hall was constructed.

A special hall for transit passengers was opened recently, and the authorities also upgraded firefighting equipment by replacing fire engines, ambulances and other vital rescue equipment. More electricity was laid on, and new fencing erected.

Between 1973 and 1975 new navigational aids were introduced, to make landing easier and safer. Dr. Sabri said that this equipment is now being constantly updated.

A new radar system is to be installed, and has just gone out for international tender.

The pressure on the existing airport is indicated by the rapid rise in traffic. In the period 1976-1980 passenger traffic increased by 152 per cent, from 718,848 to 1,811,757. The number of planes using the airport went up from 11,970 to 21,855, and air cargo increased by 175 per cent from 18,371 tons to 50,455 tons.

"This rapid traffic growth has presented many problems for the Civil Aviation Department," Dr. Sabri said.

Struggling through

The major problem has been accommodating so many passengers and aircraft in such a limited space. The airport has also had difficulty in recruiting and training sufficient technical staff to handle the increasingly sophisticated equipment.

But Dr. Sabri is confident that they can struggle through the next year, until the Queen Alia Airport opens next summer.

That airport was originally conceived in the late 1960s, when it

and its original opening date of 1979, now delayed until 1982, has put unbearable pressure on the old airport.

The difficulties of Amman Airport are not DCA's only concern in the coming five years it plans to expand the Queen Noor Civil Aviation Training Institute to incorporate a radar school, to train technicians for the new equipment. The project will cost around JD 1 million.

It also plans to extend and upgrade Aqaba Airport to handle the growing number of charter flights to the seaside resort. The JD 2 million plan will include the expansion of the apron space, new passenger lounges, resurfacing of the runway, replacing the air traffic control tower, installing a public address system and providing new lighting to allow operation of night flights.

The DCA will also continue to update navigational aid equipment to maintain high safety levels.

"This is vital, because the average daily movement at Amman Airport is 65 planes; but there are another 130 planes flying over our air space," Dr. Sabri said.

The authority will also be providing new equipment, such as

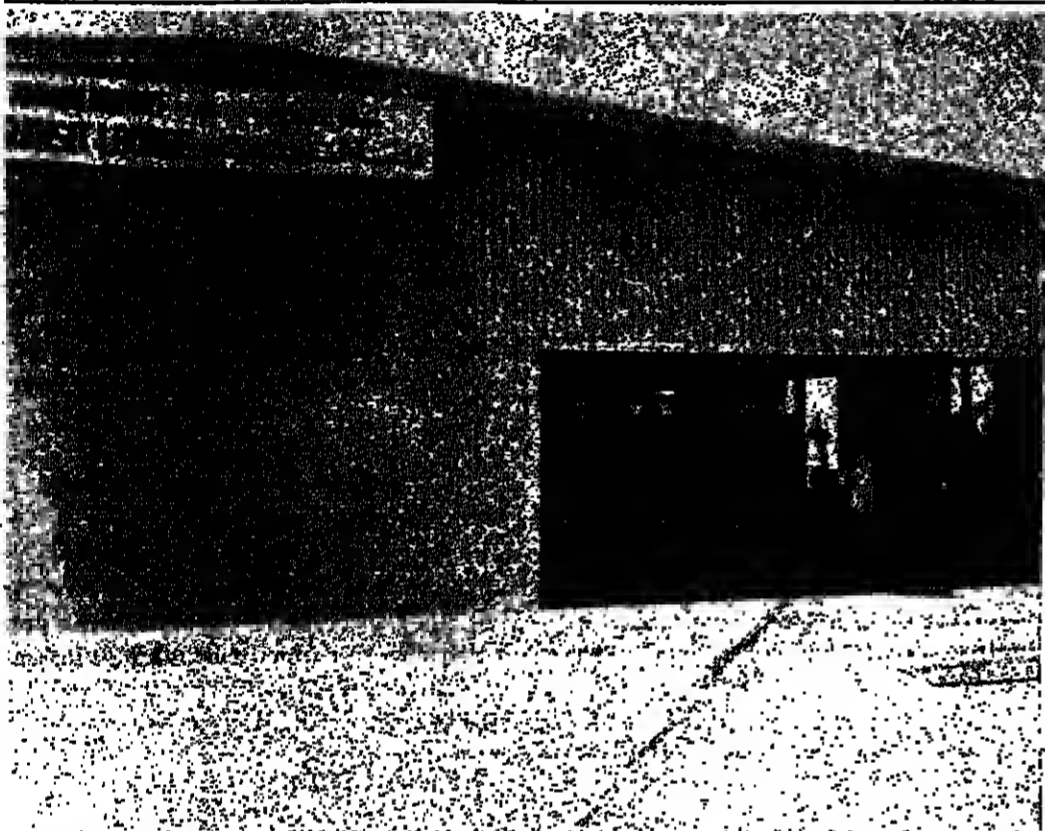


show sweepers and runway marking machines, for both Amman and Queen Alia airports.

The DCA's biggest headache is planning for the opening of the new airport. Sufficient staff must be trained to handle the new airport as soon as it opens. At the moment there are around 220 staff members at Amman — Queen Alia will need over 400.

Dr. Sabri said: "With the new airport we are trying to avoid repeating all the problems at Amman."

The design of the airport has taken this into consideration. All sections will be clearly marked, and once a passenger goes through the security check his route to the aircraft is clearly and simply laid out.



airport's newly constructed transit lounge



Passengers await flights in the departure lounge, whose redecoration has been an added expense for the DCA. (Staff photos by Harout Balikgean)

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England win fifth test, clinch Ashes

MANCHESTER, England, Aug. 17 (A.P.)— Australia resisted the inevitable for nearly five hours today before England finally clinched the Ashes series with 103-run victory in the fifth cricket test at Old Trafford.

Europe announces World Cup athletics team

ZAQREB, Yugoslavia, Aug. 17 (R) — The European Athletic Association today announced the following team to represent Europe in the World Cup in Rome next month:

Nagel (West Germany), Pole vault: Jean-Michel Bellot (France), Long Jump: Laszlo Szalma (Hungary), Triple jump: Bela Bakosi (Hungary), Shot: Ralf Reichenbach (West Germany), Discus: Imrich Bugar (Czechoslovakia), Hammer: Karl-Hans Riehm (West Germany), Javelin: Pentti Sinersaari (Finland), Reserves: Jose Luis Gonzalez (Spain), and David Moorcroft (Britain).

refoot ski to death

BEACH, California, Aug. 17 (A.P.)— A 23-year-old man, flying barefoot at 175 kph, was killed in a crash landing on a beach near Huntington Beach.

Jordan hosts handball tourney

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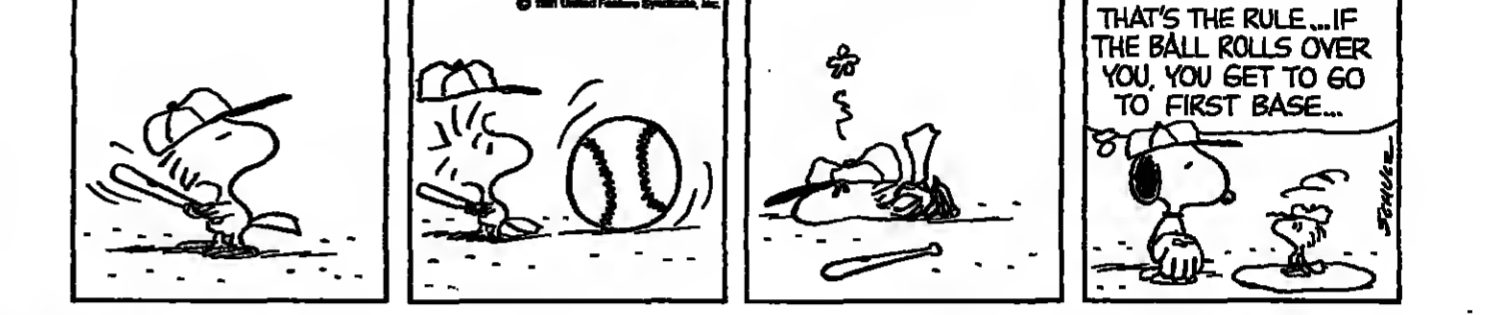
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AMMAN, Aug. 17 (J.T.)— competing against Soviet teams in preparation for the championships. Clubs from several Arab countries will be taking part in this competition organized by the Arab Handball Federation.

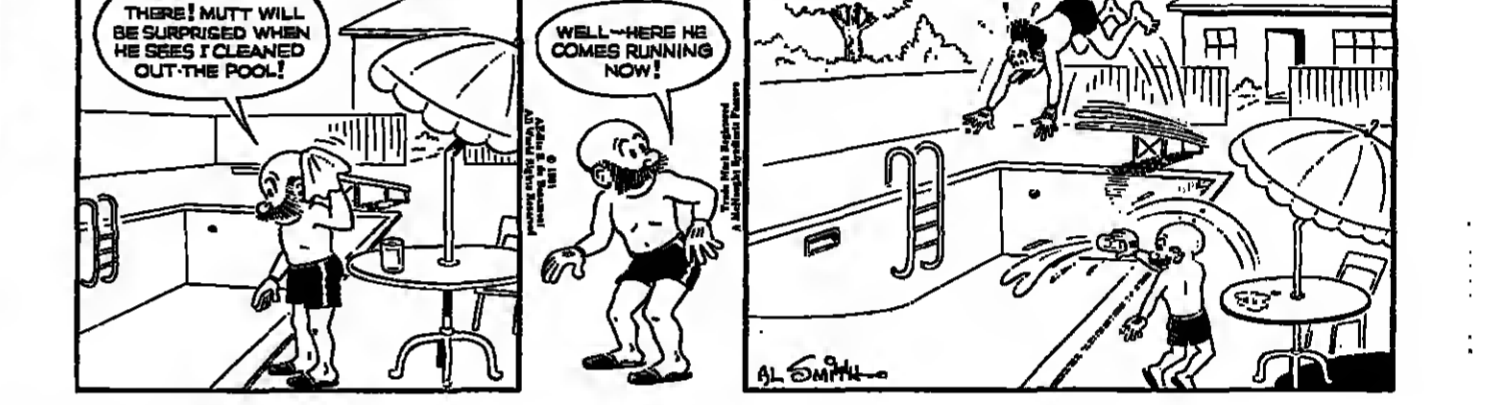
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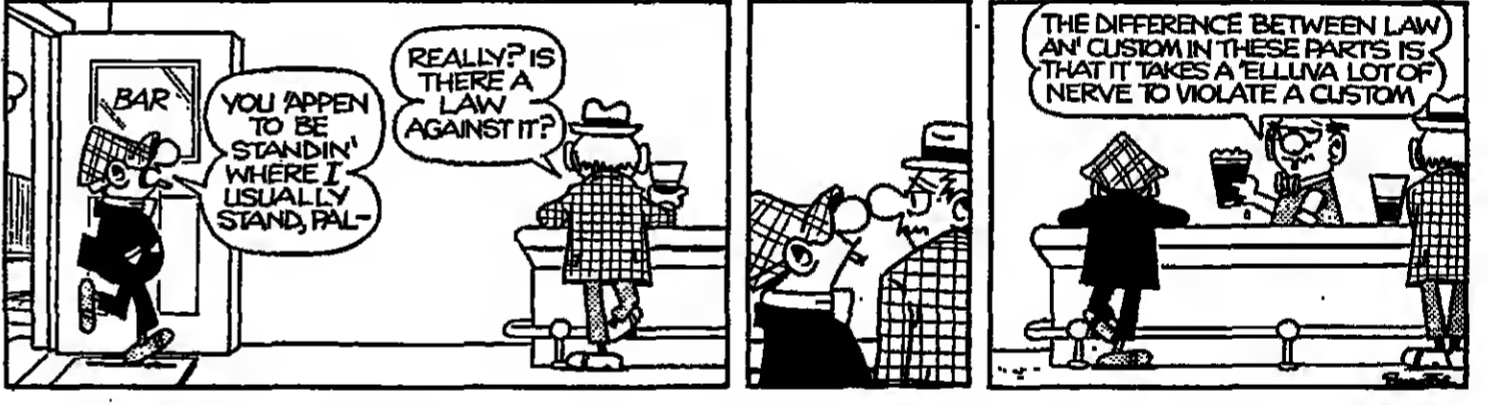
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